

At the kindling of the fire, and lighting of candles, they say certain prayers, and use some other *superstitious* rites, which shew that they honour the fire and the light. *Spenser.*

Have I
Been out of fondness *superstitious* to him?
And am I thus rewarded? *Shakespeare's Henry VIII.*
Nature's own work it seem'd, nature taught art,
And to a *superstitious* eye the haunt
Of wood-gods and wood-nymphs. *Milton.*

A venerable wood,
Where rites divine were paid, whose holy hair
Was kept and cut with *superstitious* care. *Dryden.*

2. Over accurate; scrupulous beyond need.
SUPERSTITIOUSLY. *adv.* [from *superstitious*.] In a superstitious manner.

There reigned in this island a king, whose memory of all others we most adore; not *superstitiously*, but as a divine instrument. *Bacon.*

Neither of these methods should be too scrupulously, and *superstitiously* pursued. *Watts's Logic.*

TO SUPERSTRAIN. *v. a.* [from *super* and *strain*.] To strain beyond the just stretch.

In the straining of a string, the further it is strained, the less *superstraining* goeth to a note. *Bacon.*

TO SUPERSTRUCT. *v. a.* [from *super* and *structus*, Latin.] To build upon any thing.

Two notions of fundamentals may be conceived, one signifying that whereon our eternal bliss is immediately *superstructed*, the other whereon our obedience to the faith of Christ is founded. *Hammond.*

If his habit of sin have not corrupted his principles, the virtuous Christian may think it reasonable to reform, and the preacher may hope to *superstruct* good life upon such a foundation. *Hammond's Fundamentals.*

This is the only proper basis on which to *superstruct* first innocence and then virtue. *Deacy of piety.*

SUPERSTRUCTION. *n. f.* [from *superstruct*.] An edifice raised on any thing.

I want not to improve the honour of the living by impairing that of the dead; and my own profession hath taught me not to erect new *superstructures* upon an old ruin. *Denham.*

SUPERSTRUCTIVE. *adj.* [from *superstruct*.] Built upon something else.

He that is so sure of his particular election, as to resolve he can never fall, must necessarily resolve, that what were drunkenness in another, is not so in him, and nothing but the removing his fundamental error can rescue him from the *superstructure*, be it never so gross. *Hammond.*

SUPERSTRUCTURE. *n. f.* [from *super* and *structure*.] That which is raised or built upon something else.

He who builds upon the present, builds upon the narrow compass of a point; and where the foundation is so narrow, the *superstructure* cannot be high and strong too. *South's Sermons.*

Purgatory was not known in the primitive church, and is a *superstructure* upon the Christian religion. *Tillotson.*

You have added to your natural endowments the *superstructures* of study. *Dryden.*

SUPERSTANTIAL. *adj.* [from *super* and *substantial*.] More than substantial.

SUPERVACANEOUS. *adj.* [from *supervacaneus*, Latin.] Superfluous; needless; unnecessary; serving to no purpose. *Ditch.*

SUPERVACANEOUSLY. *adv.* [from the adjective.] Needless. *SUPERVACANEOUSNESS*. *n. f.* [from the adjective.] Needlessness.

TO SUPERVENE. *v. n.* [from *supervenio*, Latin.] To come as an extraneous addition.

Such a mutual gravitation can never *supervene* to matter, unless impressed by a divine power. *Bentley's Sermons.*

SUPERVENIENT. *adj.* [from *supervenio*, Latin.] Added; additional.

If it were unjust to murder John, the *supervenient* oath did not extenuate the fact, or oblige the juror unto it. *Brown.*

That branch of belief was in him *supervenient* to Christian practice, and not all Christian practice built on that. *Ham.*

SUPERVENTION. *n. f.* [from *supervene*.] The act of supervening.

TO SUPERVISE. *v. a.* [from *super* and *visus*, Latin.] To overlook; to oversee; to intend.

M. Bayle speaks of the vexation of the *superviser* of the press, in terms of feeling that they move compassion. *Congreve.*

SUPERVISOR. *n. f.* [from *supervise*.] An overseer; an inspector; a superintendent.

A *supervisor* may signify an overseer of the poor, an inspector of the customs, a surveyor of the high ways, a *supervisor* of the excise. *Watts's Logic.*

How satisfy'd, my lord!

Would you be *supervisor*, grossly gape on? *Shakespeare.*

I am informed of the author and *supervisor* of this pamphlet. *Dryden.*

TO SUPERVIVE. *v. n.* [from *super* and *vivo*, Latin.] To overlive; to outlive.

Upon what principle can the soul be imagined to be naturally mortal, or what revolutions in nature will it not be able to resist and *superlive*.

SUPINATION. *n. f.* [from *supino*, Latin.] The act of lying with the face upward. *Clark.*

SUPINE. *adj.* [from *supinus*, Latin.] Lying with the face upward. *Clark.*

1. Lying with the face upward. *Clark.*

Upon these divers positions in man, wherein the spine can only be at right lines with the thigh, arise those remarkable postures, prone, *supine*, and erect. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*

At him he lanc'd his spear, and pierc'd his breast;
On the hard earth the Lycian knock'd his head;
And lay *supine*, and forth the spirit fled. *Dryden.*

What advantage hath a man by this erection above other animals, the faces of most of them being more *supine* than ours. *Ray on the Creation.*

2. Learning backwards with exposure to the sun. *Clark.*

On rising ground he plac'd or hills, *supine*,
Extend thy loose battalions of men. *Dryden.*

3. Negligent; careless; indolent; drowsy; thoughtless; inattentive.

These men suffer by their absence, silence, negligence, or *supine* credulity.

Supine amidst our flowing store!
We slept securely. *Dryden.*

Supine in Sylvia's snowy arms he lies,
And all the busy cares of life desist. *Taylor.*

He became puerile and *supine*, and openly exposed to any temptation. *Wardlaw.*

SUPINE. *n. f.* [from *supin*, French; *supinum*, Latin.] In Grammar a term signifying a particular kind of verbal noun.

SUPINELY. *adv.* [from *supine*.]

1. With the face upward.

2. Drowsily; thoughtlessly; indolently.

Who on the beds of sin *supinely* lie,
They in the summer of their age shall die. *Sandys.*

The old imprison'd king,
Whole lenity first pleas'd the gaping crowd;
But when long try'd, and found *supinely* good,
Like Aëtop's legs, they leapt upon his back. *Dryden.*

He panting on thy breast *supinely* lies,
While with thy heav'nly form he feeds his famish'd eyes. *Dryden's Lucina.*

Beneath a verdant laurel's shade,
Horace, immortal bard, *supinely* laid. *Prior.*

Wilt thou then repine
To labour for thyself? and rather chide
To lie *supinely*, hoping heaven will bless
Thy lighted fruits, and give thee bread unearn'd? *Philips.*

SUPINENESS. *n. f.* [from *supine*.]

1. Posture with the face upward.

2. Drowsiness; carelessness; indolence.

When this door is open to let dissenters in, considering their industry and our *supineness*, they may in a very few years grow to a majority in the house of commons. *Swift.*

SUPINITY. *n. f.* [from *supine*.]

1. Posture of lying with the face upwards.

2. Carelessness; indolence; thoughtlessness.

The fourth cause of error is a *supinity* or neglect of enquiry, even in matters wherein we doubt, rather believing than going to see. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*

SUPPEDANEOUS. *adj.* [from *suppedaneus*, Latin.] Placed under the feet.

He had slender legs, but encreased by riding after meals; that is, the humour descended upon their pendulosity, they having no support or *suppedaneous* stability. *Brown.*

SUPPER. *n. f.* [from *supper*, French. See *Ser*.] The last meal of the day; the evening repast.

To-night we hold a solemn *supper*. *Shakespeare.*

I'll to my book:

For yet, ere *supper*-time must I perform
Much business. *Shakespeare's Tempest.*

Th' hour of *supper* comes unearn'd.

SUPPERLESS. *adj.* [from *supper*.] Wanting *supper*; fasting at night.

Suppose a man's going *supperless* to bed, should introduce him to the table of some great prince.

She ey'd the bard, where *supperless* he sat.

And pin'd.

TO SUPPLANT. *v. a.* [from *supplanter*, French; *sub* and *plantis*, Latin.]

1. To trip up the heels.

His legs entwining

Each other, till *supplanted* down he fell; *Milton.*

A monstrous serpent on his belly prone.

The thronging populace with hasty strides

Obstruct the easy way; the rocking town

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